Examiner: J. Woo

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

CONTINUATION APPLICATION OF PARENT APPLICATION:

Application of: Mark A. Reiley et al.

Serial No. : 08/871,114 Group Art Unit: 3731

Filed : June 9, 1997

For : Systems and Methods for Treatment of Fractured or Diseased Bone Using

Expandable Bodies

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified divisional application before computing the filing fee as follows.

The Examiner's attention is directed to the Information Disclosure Statement which accompanies this Amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2 - 16.

REMARKS

Claim 1 remains in the application.

The Information Disclosure Statement accompanying this continuation application lists the documents of record in the parent application Serial No. 08/871,114. Copies of the documents can be found in the file wrapper of the parent application or grandparent application (Serial No. 08/188,224).

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